

Welcome to the Worship of God

Please silence all electronic devices.

**Invites the congregation to stand*

Gathering Music Dr. Matthew Manwarren

Words of Greeting Haley Blackwell

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship Dr. Matthew Manwarren
Fantasy on "When in Our Music God is Glorified" Albert L. Travis

Entrance of the Christ Candle: **Hampton Dietz**

Call to Worship Becky Skidmore
"Church" Rev. Sharlande Sledge

ONE: Young and old,
sons and daughters of God,
all you who are diverse creations of God's imagination and love,
join in praise and thanksgiving
as we worship the One
who brings us together.

**ALL: We come to this place,
Bringing our varied stories,
Our unique gifts,
And our distinct calls to serve.**

ONE: We come together in partnership and mission,
knowing we are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to serve others,
to seek justice
to offer the hope of the resurrected Christ.

**ALL: We are called to be the body of Christ –
a community of believers,
a household of faith,
a communion of saints
the people of the covenant.**

ONE: We are called to the one hope of our high calling –
one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God.

**ALL: As members of the body of Christ,
we covenant together in this hour
to build on our sure foundation of Jesus Christ our Lord
and to seek the vision of Christ's hope for the world.**

Prayer of Submission Rev. Lee Gray

***Hymn No. 284** *Gather Us In*
Chalice Hymnal GATHER US IN

Reading of the Psalm David Allen
Psalm 23

A Psalm of David.
The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

ONE: Through these written words of scripture, we listen for the Living
Word of God.

ALL: Those who have ears to hear, let them hear.

Offertory Prayer Bobbie Hinson

Offertory Anthem Chancel Choir
I Will Praise the Lord as Long as I Live Vytautas Miškinis

I will praise, will praise, will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long,

My soul magnifies the Lord, the Lord,
And my spirit rejoices in God, in God, my Savior.

Surely from now on all generations will call me bless'd;
For the Almighty has done great things for me and holy, holy is God's name,

God's mercy is for those who fear God from generation to generation.

***Doxology** OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Reading from the Scripture Clinton Dietz
Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.
Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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Prayers of the People Rev. Kheresa Harmon

Martha Brown, Barbara McElwey, Melanie Foust, Anna Lynn Kearse,
Emily Batts, Arnold Philemon, Jack Crymes, Dennis Foust

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom
come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our
daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead
us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

***Hymn No. 95** *Jesus Shall Reign Where're the Sun*
Chalice Hymnal DUKE STREET

Sermon Rev. Caleb Foust
'Remember Whose You Are'

***Hymn No. 453** *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*
Chalice Hymnal BEECHER

Commissioning of the Scattered Church Rev. Foust & Rev. Gray

Postlude Dr. Matthew Manwarren
Voluntary on LLANFAIR Albert L. Travis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcoming Rev. Caleb Foust to the St. John's Pulpit

This Sunday, we welcome Rev. Caleb Foust to the St. John's pulpit as our proclaimer. In addition to being the son of our own Dennis and Paula Foust, Caleb is the Associate Minister at Emerywood Baptist Church in High Point, NC. Born in Louisville, KY, and raised across most of the southeastern US, Caleb graduated from Samford University, with a B.A. Religion and minors in Sociology, Psychology, Philosophy, and History. At Samford, he met his amazingly talented Wife Mary Beth and after college, they married and moved to Richmond, VA to pursue a Master of Divinity. For the past 14 years, Caleb has worked in Churches across Alabama, Mississippi, Virginia, and North Carolina. Caleb is a fan of most sports and loves to cheer on the Crimson Tide and Chicago Cubs. He and Mary Beth have 2 wonderfully confident daughters, Ava and Eleanor, and 2 dogs, Moses and Wrigley.

We are so glad that Caleb will join us today as we continue to keep our Senior Minister, Dennis Foust, in our prayers as he heals and recuperates.

Building a Better World: In Solidarity with Immigrant Children & Families

Please join us in Broach Hall for a buffet meal on May 3 at 5:30 PM followed by a conversation that focuses on immigrant children and families who are our neighbors---challenges they face, their resilience and triumphs, and how we can participate in welcoming them. Sharing experiences and insights with us will be Sil Ganzo, Lindsey Goehring, and Gricelda de la Cruz. Please register on Realm if you plan to have dinner. No reservations are needed if you plan to attend the program only that starts at 6PM.

Calling All Mothers: Paint & Sip on May 11

Let's celebrate the gift that is mothering! All mothers are invited to indulge in an evening of artistic relaxation on Thursday, May 11, 7-9PM, at City Art Room. Please register on Realm by May 8. The cost is \$45.00.

We need a few good men! While the women of our church are indulging in an evening of artistic relaxation, men of the church will provide childcare on our church campus. Men, we need you! Please contact Kheresa Harmon by May 1 to volunteer.

Bounce Into Summer: Sunday, June 4 after Worship

Children and families, let's bounce into summer with a bounce house, bubbles, chalk art, ice cream sundaes, and more after worship on Sunday, June 4. Please sign up on Realm or contact Kheresa. We can't wait to celebrate the summer with you!

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The St. John's Pulpit

Worship: May 7
Installation of Haley Blackwell
Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust PhD

This Week at St. John's

Sun., Apr. 30	<p>9:15 am Sunday School/ Learning Groups (Virtual/ in-person)</p> <p>10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)</p> <p>10:30 am Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel)</p> <p>11:30 am YOUTH AUCTION!!! (Broach Hall)</p>
Mon., May 1	<p>10:00 am Adventures in Learning Shepherd's Center (Broach Hall)</p> <p>11:00 am Faith Journey Book Study</p>
Tuesday, May 2	<p>10:30 am Luke 6:37-42 Staff Meeting/Worship Planning (Conference Room)</p>
Wed., May 3	<p>11:30 am WDS Active Reading Family Workshop</p> <p>5:30 pm Building a Better World Wednesday Night Meal (Broach Hall)</p> <p>7:15 pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)</p>
Thursday, May 4	<p>Luke 6:46-49</p>
Friday, May 5	<p>Luke 7:1-10 8:00 pm Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)</p>
Saturday, May 6	<p>Luke 7:11-17 7:00 am Benton Basketball</p> <p>8:00 pm Together We Rise NA (Lasater Hall)</p>

Membership and Ministry

If you would like information on how you can become a member of St. John's, please call the church office (704.333.5428), or fill out one of the "For Our Guests" cards found on the back of the pew and place it in the offering plate. One of our ministers will be happy to reach out to you and answer any questions you may have. Visit our website to find out more information regarding the many ministry opportunities available in the life of St. John's.

Ministers

Every participant in God's Servant Church

Equipping Ministers

Minister for Youth and Young Adults..... Haley Blackwell
Interim Minister for Music and Worship.....Dr. Jared Daugherty
Senior Minister.....Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD
Minister for Congregational CareRev. Lee Gray
Minister for Children and Their Families..... Rev. Kheresa Harmon

Church Staff

Academy of the Arts Director.....Jessica Borgnis
Media CoordinatorMallory Brown
Children's Music DirectorChloe Hall
OrganistJ. Noel Lance
Associate Organist..... Dr. Matthew Manwarren
Custodians..... Chris Mullis, Debora Thon
Ministry Coordinator..... Amanda Morrison
Weekday School Director.....Lydia Olmsted



Sunday, April 30, 2023

10:30 AM Worship

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